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SUBJECT: POLISH TARIFF

REF: WARSAW 7229 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH POLISH MFT AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO EXPLAIN US POSITION ON PROPOSED TARIFF, DRAWING ON MATERIAL BELOW AND ON BRIEFING PAPER PREPARED FOR FIFTH SESSION OF JOINT TRADE COMMISSION.
2. IN PRINCIPLE U.S. IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED INTRODUCTION OF POLISH TARIFF. WE WISH TO POSE NO OBSTACLES TO POLISH ECONOMIC REFORM OR DECENTRALIZATION OF DECISION-MAKING.
3. OUR PRIMARY CONCERN IS THAT THE TARIFF SYSTEM BE NONDISCRIMINATORY. WE HAVE ACCORDED MFN TARIFF TREATMENT TO POLAND SINCE 1960 AND WOULD REGARD WITH STRONG DISFAVOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A POLISH TARIFF WHICH DISCRIMINATED IN FAVOR OF CEMA COUNTRIES. INTRODUCTION OF A DISCRIMINATORY TARIFF WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF POLAND'S GATT COMMITMENTS.
4. FYI: WE DO NOT SEE NEED AT THIS TIME TO STRESS TO THE POLES OUR POSITION ON TARIFF'S EFFECTIVENESS OR ACCEPTABILITY AS BASIS FOR CONCESSIONS, ALTHOUGH ANY INFORMATION THE EMBASSY CAN PROVIDE ON POLISH ARGUMENTATION WOULD BE USEFUL. END FYI
5. FOR WARSAW AND HELSINKI: PLEASE REPORT ANY INFORMATION ON LIKELIHOOD OR TIMING OF CONCLUSION OF A POLISH-FINNISH FREE-TRADE AGREEMENT. FINLAND HAS SIGNED FTA'S WITH BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, AND HUNGARY. KISSINGER

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